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1. On every occasion that carbines were issued to troops they were checked after use for cleanliness by the squad leaders. The first sergeant made a daily morning inspection of the uniforms and equipment of the EM. On Saturday, "Park Day", the platoon leaders inspected all vehicles and weapons. The company CO rarely made an inspection of the company.
2. Weapons were usually issued by the CO or the first sergeant. Ammunition was issued only by the first sergeant, who also issued clean underwear once a week. In case of an alert each man received two extra sets of underwear. The company had no supply sergeant and all supplies were handled by the first sergeant.
3. The unit of fire for a carbine was 10 rounds; 142 rounds per SMG. A ZIS truck supposedly holds 60 liters of gas and will travel 180 to 200 km. on one fill.
4. In the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. the majority of the vehicles, guns, SP guns, and tanks were placed in storage in winter. Only a few vehicles, necessary for the transportation of food and supplies and a few tanks and guns used for training purposes, were in daily use. All other vehicles (I cannot furnish any exact figures) were on blocks and parked closely together. The stored vehicles all had gas and oil and needed only water before being ready to go into operation. There was also a special building where water and oil could be heated in the winter.
5. In March 1952 an alert was sounded at about 0500. The drivers knocked the blocks from under their vehicles, ran water into the radiators and started moving the vehicles out. Some drivers could not get their engines started and were then towed by other vehicles. Within two hours of the sounding of the alert, all vehicles of the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. were loaded with ammunition and personnel and equipment and were on the move to the alert area. A few vehicles of the 82nd and 240th Regts. were used by the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. because sufficient organic transportation was not available.

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